



## **“Parachute Jump”**

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I want to talk to you about the parachute. Let’s imagine you are getting on a plane. Some of you may have flown on a plane recently, but let’s say you are getting on an airplane to get from point A to point B. The flight attendant hands you this backpack and says, “This is a parachute. It is going to make your flight more comfortable.” You are like, cool. This is awesome! Thank you so much. You put the backpack on and you go to your seat. Pretty soon, this lump in your back starts feeling uncomfortable and it starts getting hot. People start looking at you and laughing and making jokes like, oh my goodness, can you believe she is wearing this backpack. Then the flight attendant walks by, trips and spills coffee on you. You think this is not making my flight more comfortable. So, what do you do? You take it off and put it under the seat thinking the attendant lied to me. That wasn’t true. It didn’t make my flight more comfortable.

Now, let’s consider a second scenario. Let’s say you get on the plane and the flight attendant gives you that backpack with the parachute and says, “Here, this has a parachute in it. You will need it. In about two hours, we are going to have to make a 25,000-foot jump. If you don’t have this backpack, you won’t make it. You will die.” So, you put that backpack on thinking oh, my goodness, I need to be ready. I have a 25,000-foot jump ahead. You go to your seat and that lump is in your back and you are feeling kind of uncomfortable, but you don’t care. You’re not taking off that backpack because you know you need it. It starts getting hot, people start making fun of you – ha, she is still wearing the backpack. Why does she wear it now? That is so dumb. They are just making fun of you, but you still will not budge. You are keeping that backpack on no matter what happens.

So, what was the difference between scenario one and scenario two? Well, scenario one is where the flight attendant told you it was going to make your flight more comfortable whereas scenario two you were told the purpose of why you need to keep it on. It is for the jump ahead.

Some people might tell you to put Jesus Christ on. Try out a relationship with Jesus. He will make your life better and so you may for a season try out Jesus. Let's see if He truly does make my life better. Now, Jesus does give us his Holy Spirit and His Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness. All kinds of great gifts God gives us. He does fill us to the full and He does give us satisfaction, but it doesn't necessarily mean that life is going to get better or that it is going to be easy or more comfortable, so to speak. So, someone tells you to try Jesus because He will make your life or your "flight" more comfortable. You may have a tendency to want to put Him off when you feel that lump in your back or people start making fun of you or hard times come. Why is the reason we put Jesus on? It is because there is a jump ahead, a 25,000-foot jump and it is called "Judgment Day". II Corinthians 5:10 says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." You see, we are all going to have to stand before Jesus one day when we die or if we are still alive when Jesus comes back when He returns to this earth for His people. We are going to have to stand before Him and give an account for the things we have done during this life whether good or bad. If we don't come to Christ, if we don't ask for forgiveness and have true repentance in our lives, then we won't be ready and we may end up in eternity in hell. Hebrews 9:27 to 28 says, "Just as a man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people. He will appear a second time not to bear sin but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him."

I want to ask you today. Are you waiting for Him? Have you put on that parachute of Jesus Christ, the blood of Jesus that was shed for you? I encourage you to take what I call the "good test" on my website. It is on the left-hand side and there is a link to it. Take that test and read the entire next page. See if you are ready. See if you have that parachute on. If you have truly repented and truly changed, your life will change because it is just not to make your life better. The Bible says in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble." It doesn't say might or maybe – it says you will have trouble but take heart I, Jesus, have overcome the world. So, are you ready for that jump ahead? I hope so.

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